

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Shinya SHIRASAKI et al. Confirmation No: 6866  
Serial Number: 10/598,523 Group Art Unit: 1711  
Filed: September 1, 2006 Examiner: unknown  
Title: Emulsion Composition For Silicone Rubber Sponge, Process For  
Producing The Same, And Process For Producing Silicone Rubber  
Sponge

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Sir:

The above identified patent application was filed 23 months ago. The failure by the Patent Office to take action within this time frame may result in an adjustment of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) and 37 CFR 1.702 – 1.705. We note that the last communication received from the Patent Office was the NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION dated January 24, 2008. Applicant hereby requests that the Patent Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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